

## HAMPDEN COUNTY RADIO CLUB

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 Veep Art. Zavarella MNG

Ye Ed. Bill Ham RRX

Midas Bob. Adolphson NLE  
 Scribe Ken. Gurney SIT

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Calling all H.C.R.C. members -- Attention! The Annual Business Meeting will be held Friday, November 3, at the Springfield Y.M.C.A. Assembly Hall, Hillman Street entrance. (We're sort of on probation as the place has been redecorated. We'll have to use care in smoking and serving our refreshments, and keep the place clean, or else!) Election of officers and four members of the Executive Committee will be held after nominations from the floor are heard. So start gathering at 7:30 p.m. so that we can get under way around 8.

**LAST MEETING:** Bob. Fairbrother, PYO, of Hartford, Conn., formerly residing in Newport, Vermont presented the 2 meter boys with plenty of food for thought with his excellent discourse on the SCR522 unit. Several of the changes Bob made in revamping some 18 or so 522s have already been duplicated by the 2 meter gang.

Lou. Richmond, AVK, of Springfield Radio donated a door prize which was carried off by none other than BCI - What was it -- a pair of 304TL's?

Perce. Noble, BVR, suggested a get together for the announcement of the new SCM, resulting in Art, MNG, pinch-hitting for Rog., JYH, in appointing Bill Werenski, CJK, as chairman of the committee. Rog. was on a vacation trek through the wilds of Carolina. Happy hunting, Rog.

In a rather rapid tally of those present, we noted NLE starting off the meeting as Art, MNG, had gone to Hartford after PYO, the guest speaker. - Quite a go gettim that MNG. - How about that? - Getting back to the tally - also SIT, RZG, RHU, IJT, PHU, ICP, BVR, EGN, KK, MQK, PIR, NY, TDO, RVW, BCI, ISN, JVV, ESA, MNG, BEF, GZL, DQK, EOB, MOK, AVK, SFU, QJN, CJK, RDR, RTV, BH, SHX, RFU, NNT, QUQ, RRX - seems that there were others there also, but the talk was so interesting, the doggone reporter muffed them -- 'S'cuse please.

**SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST:** The H.C.R.C. was well represented over the area. The Value of the test was evident in showing up unexpected weaknesses and advantages. -- Looks like 2 meters is a natural for local coverage without the QRM of 75 and 10. The next issue of Zero Beat will attempt to list all members who participated as a belated pat on the back and an A for effort. Ye Ed would appreciate lists of participating stations from EC's - try to bring them to the meeting.

**TESTIMONIAL SCM BANQUET:** 22 Broiled Lobsters, 12 Swordfish, 11 Plank Steaks, 11 Roast Biff, 8 Scallops, 5 Fried Clams, 2 Lobster-Newburg and 1 lonely Halibut went South Friday, October 20, at John L. Sullivan's Red Barn. The gourmets noted in action were SHX, & XYL, NLE, NY & XYL, IJT, LJQ, ESA, TDO & Mom, RVW, IOZ, LHW & XYL, TAY, PDF & XYL, KZU & XYL, RDR & XYL, JYH, JVV & XYL, RRX & XYL, KFV & YL, PHU & XYL, BVR, IL, 9B1B/1, EOB, QUQ, CIZ & XYL, AGM & XYL, RTV, QJN & XYL, RLV & XYL, CJK & XYL, MNG, Bob. Higgins, Bill. Parker, Headquarters gang, -- Ed. Handy, BDI, J. Huntoon, LVQ, L. McCoy, ICP, J. Moskey, JMY, H. Paston, DJV, George Hart, NJM, The Pittsfield Gang -- Holly, HAZ, Wiswell, SAN, Buchanan, IZM, Ralston, DPY, Needham, TDS, Poopor, HNE, Prent. Bailey, AZW, also XYL's of some of HQ and Pittsfield contingents.

CJK with RDR, and RRX assisting made the arrangements for the banquet -- Note the three Bills, - is that indicative? Congrats to PHU for the excellent and rapid job on the mail back cards. CJK enlisted the aid of Skippy, the XYL, in addressing the cards -- all 125 of them. F.B. Bills -- Hi.

RDR dusted off his camera and blew some film at the Banquet. -- The presentation pictures came out nicely; watch QST, it may carry the pic especially since BDI was in it. - Hi Ed. Bill didn't like the group shots. Seems that those pix were undermodulated as his auxiliary flash for some reason or other either lost

bias and went out of resonance or was biased to cut off - we still haven't it straight yet. Or was it the push-pull final flash was just push? Oh yes -- EOB is the new SCM - 77 to 65 - he was in the picture too.

NETS: The Slow Speed Net Monday and Friday at 1830 EST on 3725 kc. is still operating and gradually acquiring new members. Of course, the regular 80 meter net is banging away steadily.

Hank's 75 meter phone net at 0900 Sunday is growing steadily and covers a lot of territory.

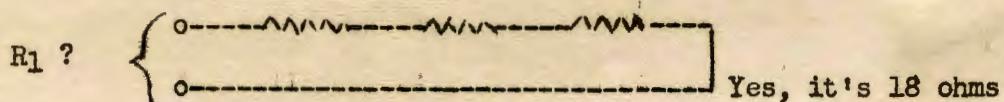
Ten meters is coming back to life and the Thursday 2100 EST get togethers have gathered momentum with the shift to 29.4 megs helping in some, but not all cases.

When is the 2 meter net coming back? Yours truly has been trying to stir up activity Sunday and Monday around 2100, but not much success as yet.

JOTTINGS: Al. Haberman received his W1TDO call since the last issue of Zero Beat went to bed, and has since been active on 10 meters. Welcome, Al.

NOTICE: Bob. Higgins, SWL, of 35 Webster St., Springfield, has applied for membership with the approval of the Executive Committee. Bob's application will be presented to the membership at the November 3rd meeting for final decision. In addition, all applicants must be sponsored by a member of the club and introduced by the sponsor at a regular meeting.

TEASER: What is the resistance of this circuit?



Now What is it?



NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bob. Adolphson, NLE, chairman of the committee, with QWJ, RRX, NY, and RFU assisting presents the following slate for the coming election with the approval of the Executive committee. One Year Term

|  |                |     |
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| President  | Art. Zavarella | MNG |
| Vice President   | Pete Pederson  | RVW |
| Treasurer  | Al. Jackson    | OBQ |
| Secretary  | Dave. Lloyd    | PHU |
| Zero Beat Editor   | Bill. Ham      | RRX |
| Executive Committee — four to be elected for two year term |                |     |
|  | Tom. Chapman   | KK  |
|  | Myles Brennan  | MOK |
|  | Joe Piekarski  | PIR |
|  | Bill. Werenski | CJK |

As usual, nominations from the floor will be in order.

Retiring Exec. Comm. Members

MQK (appointed to fill 1 yr.  
vacancy)

RVW

RRW

KK

Exec. Comm. Members serving  
second year of duty

RDR

GZL

QWJ

RRX

JOTTINGS: It looks as if Western Mass. has started to go horizontal on 2. CCH and MEP in Bennington were heard testing the groove with horizontal beams. As most of us know, the other districts are already horizontally polarized and some started out that way.

BH is really going to town on his new QTH.

RRW has been out of town for some time on business. No! not monkey business.

QWJ still busy in Eastern Mass. for NET&T.

Ken Gurney, W1SIT, has changed QTH to 53 Thurston Road, Newton Upper Falls, Mass. Ken was aided in finding a place to live, of course with a Ham, by Cookie, FOF, and Mac, JQ.

YE ED'S CORNER: Again the time has come to ask for criticism, suggestions, hints and kinks, and just about anything you figure will get into print. However, Zero Beat still retains the policy of editing all material, and believe or not, each issue has been conscientiously edited -- h.!

VAP: For sale NC173 National Rcvr - \$125.00 - Excellent Cond.

HT18 Hakkrafters - \$ 75.00 - 5 watts VFO NBFM CW etc.

See MNG on these items.

SCM's CORNER:

This space reserved for EOB for such information as he may choose to give us. Watch this space in the month to come.

CQ DX contest Phone Oct. 28 & 29 CW - Nov. 4 & 5.  
Sweepstakes Coming Up! Nov. 18 & 19 - Nov. 25 & 26.

10 METER NET: 29.4 mc. 2100 EST Thursday, Oct. 26.

The Western Mass. 10 meter Emergency 'Phone Net had quite a turnout with the following stations reporting in to NY net control. -

AGM, LLT (Southbridge), MNG, with BH on deck, MOK, QJN, RED, RDR, RLV, SHX, RRW, CJK, TDO, NLE with RRX visiting on Zero Beat Business. -- Hi. How about digging up some news for Zero Beat and giving it to us on this net? Originate it as a message and deliver it via "radio", that will give you some practice -- How about that? RDR finds that although he can load up 10 or 12 feet of coax, that for some reason or other, it does not work out too well.

DX By W1KFW Another great fone DX contest is over and when the smoke clears away it looks like PDF, CJK, and RDR in that order. I have no scores, but Sunday afternoon found PDF with over 50 countries worked. Also the XYL adds Nick hasn't been off the air since it started Friday night. Complete information next month. JYH received a card from CR5AC as well as CR5AD bringing his confirmed total up to 203. Rog says no new countries because he is rebuilding for the winter sessions. CJK worked a couple of new ones on 10 fone: FD3 and MP4 and cards from SP and a PK3 bring him up to 118. At last RDR is getting answers to his QSLs and with cards from VPIWS, KG4AD, VP7NU, KS4AN, HH5SS (good thing that guy was on fone!) FA3KC, and VP9NN. Bill is now only 13 cards away from the DXCC. This being all on narrow band FM. Also worked were: TA3GVU, GD3UB, ZD1BD, and KG6CX/KX6. Total worked now stands at 96. And of all the SWL cards I have seen the best one is the YA3 Bill received. A country that rare should ban SWL's and put a couple of hams on the air. (Even JYH needs that one). Starting Friday night, Nov. 3rd, the CW part of the DX contest will get under way and a swell way to add a new country or two. Old KFV plans to get in there and work his quota of G's (probably 2). Good hunting and lots of DX before next month. 73 W1KFW.